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SENT VIA FAX 651-296-3698

Bill Storm
EQB Staff
Environmental Quality Board
658 Cedar Street
St. Paul, MN 55155



Re: NGPP Minnesota Bio Plant, LLC; Waseca, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Storm:

This is a letter in response to the Environmental Assessment Worksheet for the NGPP Minnesota Biomass Power Plant being proposed in the City of Waseca. It is in response to the Request for Comments as published in the September 15th Monitor. This letter is in support of the proposed facility. The City Staff has been working for some time with the developers to locate the facility on one of the two sites shown in the EAW.

It is the City's intent to annex the proposed site prior to final permitting and to provide city services to the project prior to the completion of the plant in the year 2006. This project will come before the City of Waseca several times in the future prior to the issuance of a building permit. These approvals include:

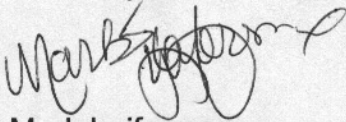
1. The annexation of the property.
2. The modification of the joint City/County/Airport zoning.
3. Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance in order to create a permissible zone for a power plant facility.

The Waseca City Staff is working with the project developers to address City concerns regarding this development and issues raised as part of the EAW. The Waseca City Council has approved both of these sites for inclusion in the application for a JOBZ (Job Opportunity Building Zone) sub-zone. This application also required the approval of both Woodville Township and St. Mary Township, as well as the Waseca County Board and Waseca School District. All were briefed about the project and had an opportunity to review the EAW.

In conclusion, the City Staff and the City Council for the City of Waseca, as well as Woodville Township, St. Mary Township and Waseca County have all shown their support by approving the inclusion of the two NGPP sites within the Job Zone application. Although there are a few issues that need to be resolved prior to the plant being approved, the benefits of the proposed plant and the employment opportunities created through it's development will out weigh any potential problems encountered along the way.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at 507-835-9741.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Leiferman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Leiferman
Community Development Director